

"NOSEY" NABBED.**THE CUSTOM HOUSE.**

What is Said About the New Naval Officer and the Appraiser—Murphy on Darling—What the Clerks Think.

The express determination of President Grant to move on the enemy's works and chop the head off of every man in the army of the rebel Fenton caused immense consternation in the Custom House yesterday. A bonfire was lit from the Tennessee oil on the Battery and falling through the roof could scarcely have made more noise than did the reading of the ominous despatches from Washington announcing the removal of the Naval Officer and the Appraiser of Merchandise, and the substitution of Mr. Adison H. Ladd and William A. Darling to the respective posts. It was held to be a matter of wild work.

Mr. Murphy, the Collector, did not appear worried in the least when visited by a HERALD reporter in the afternoon; but on the contrary looked quite cheerful in the consciousness that it was

"NONE OF HIS FUNERAL."

In answer to a few inquiries he said he knew very little about the changes about to be made. But he was aware that Mr. Ladd had been looking for the position to which he is now nominated by the President for a long time. He was Mr. Murphy said, a very able, energetic and quite capable of filling the position with credit. Mr. Murphy, with his usual frankness, said he had no objection to Mr. Darling. Mr. Darling was also spoken of by the Collector in his terms. As to the intentions of the President in making the changes he said he knew nothing whatever.

The reporter made his way to the Naval Office,

of a mother is discarded, the anxious ambitions of a father unheeded, and the wiles of whisperings of a corrupt nature alone are listened to if it is not surprising mature age should bring the victim to the criminal dock. When the youth is springing into manhood, and yet before the last fatal step in the descending scale is taken, he assumes a position in life, and, with a house encumbered by the presence of wife and children, fears the issue.

TENDER AND SOLITOUS CARE.

of their affection from his heart, and, steeling his sensibilities to reproach, rushes headlong down the treacherous hill—such has been the life of the man who was arrested yesterday by the detectives—unusually favored by nature, not only in the circumstances under which he began life, but in his person and manner. A man of good birth and education, with the bearing and accomplishments of a gentleman, he turned them to the vilest uses and made these qualifications the means by which he duped the people. This contemptible sneak, who, by the penetrating shavity of his address, and the quiet earnestness of his appearance, has succeeded for a number of years in living on the United States.

THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

had at last been brought to bay and safety saved for the present from his fangs. The refined gentleman Mr. Stebbins has rejoiced in a variety of abases, among which are "Nosey" Stebbins, L. D. Spencer, William E. Dodge, Charles H. Duncan and others. By means of these he changed his identity from time to time as he varied the scene of his operations. He has been razzing in the provinces for some time past and was just on the point of embarking in a speculative speculation, when he was arrested by executives Ladd and Maugler at Carter's, Fulton county, on the day before yesterday, on a warrant issued by Justice Bowing. The detective searched on the track of Stebbins for a long time, showing that he was

WANTED IN VARIOUS QUARTERS.

for the arrest of the thief, and pia di lui in the hands of the detectives. They, however, lost all knowledge of him for a time, and though constantly on the lookout for him did not succeed in finding him until a week ago. The most remarkable and singular discovery ever had in this country is that when he was apprehended, what it immediately was to be known was that he had received special information of the whereabouts of the criminal, the first found traces of him at Dover Plains, again in Westchester county, and a week later he was discovered standing under the name of Spencer. He had ingeniously introduced himself to a gentleman of extensive fortune, and the police think there is little doubt that he was preparing to make.

PASING A CHECK.

on Fisher & Sons, of Baltimore, on March 14, 1870, for the sum of \$10,000. The check was signed in the name of Mr. Stebbins, of No. 10 William street, in return for a watch. This check was drawn upon the American Exchange National Bank. Being so thin somewhat nervous, and wanting the cool shade of his umbrella, he disappeared, and remained in retirement for a considerable time.

The next news heard of him was

ANOTHER SALE OF CENTRAL PARK Lots.

The feature of the real estate market yesterday was the sale of the estate of Gouverneur Morris, deceased, comprising 234 lots, fronting on Central and Morningside Parks, the Seventh avenue, Boulevard, Eighth, Ninth, and Morningside avenues, 1, 16th, 16th, 11th, 12th and 13th streets. The character and location of the property and the circumstances of the sale attracted a large audience. Bidding was fairy active, although not remarkably spirited, being noticeable of the competition of the latest previous sales of almost similarly situated projects, suggesting the idea that as the development of rapid transit up-town approaches a realization the uninhabited areas for speculation openly offered will seriously interest the more enterprising values that have already appeared in the market.

Among the principal buyers were Mr. Bernheimer, who has already a large landed interest in that neighborhood, Ference Parcer, Geo. King, B. G. Fairbank, Mr. Greene, in whose way was the lot bought by Mr. Young, and Mr. Young, who, though somewhat nervous, and wanting the cool shade of his umbrella, he disappeared, and remained in retirement for a considerable time.

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NUMEROUS TRANSACTIONS.

he unreservedly confesses his guilt. A gentleman named Marshall, from Elizabethport, N. J., identified him as the man from whom he had accepted a worthless check for \$1,000, and was compelled to stand ready to accompany his conductors to New York, where they arrived in due course and locked the prisoner up at headquarters.

As soon as it became known that this notorious fugitive and swindler was arrested the detective chief having overcome his first surprise endeavored to get him into his power, and called his attention to the fact that he had received special information of the whereabouts of the criminal, the first found traces of him at Dover Plains, again in Westchester county, and a week later he was discovered standing under the name of Spencer. He had ingeniously introduced himself to a gentleman of extensive fortune, and the police think there is little doubt that he was preparing to make.

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COMPLIMENT TO STEAL.

Some time ago at the death of his little boy, he resolved to give his all evils ways to obtain his son, his darling, never to let him go, nor to let that child not belong to him in the future. And he promised the little fellow he would not, but circumstances pressing him, led him into them again.

This man is one of a number of persons who are now scouring the country, giving up a rest since such stringent measures for their conviction have been instituted by the superintendents of Police. Mr. Kelso declares he was not asked to do what he now does, but discovered standing in the name of Spencer. He had ingeniously introduced himself to a gentleman of extensive fortune, and the police think there is little doubt that he was preparing to make.

A FREE FIGHT.

A Gang of Night Brawlers at Their Pet Busi-

ness.

At four o'clock yesterday morning John Fallon, of 22 West Thirty-third street, and a number of friends, entered the saloon of Mr. Murphy, at the northeast corner of Broadway and Thirty-sixth street. The party had been imbibing rather freely and were anxious for a merriment. In the saloon, they met John Grady, Thomas Wilson, Michael Kelly and others, who are always ready at a moment's warning to "put a Mansard roof" on any person they can get into trouble with. There were hard feelings existing between the two sets, they were long in getting into a riot that was very difficult to put down. Murphy's furniture and Grady's head.

He is preparing the points of his defense to submit to his counsel. He was arrested, and subsequently arraigned before Justice Fowler, at Jefferson Market, but as it was determined that Grady had hit him, he was discharged. The brawlers were committed for trial at the Special Sessions, in default of bail.

THE INCOME TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:

A misapprehension seems to exist in the public mind regarding the habit of persons to make and render a statement of their income for the year 1870. The late rating of the City of New York shows that those not having a gross income of over \$2,000 from making a return, but all persons having a gross income over \$2,000 must make a return as heretofore or lay themselves liable to assessment, penalty, &c. By giving this place in your paper you may save vexation and trouble henceforth to the tax collector.

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

FIGHT IN CALIFORNIA.—A price fight between two men of the gang known as the "Saville Boys," took place last night, among the saloons in the city of New York. There was a large crowd of onlookers and spectators, who were in attendance. The fight passed in the following words, in accordance with our rules, governing the publication of trials, until one of the principals was knocked out of time. Warrants have been issued or the arrest of the parties taking part in the disgraceful affair.—*San Francisco Advertiser, March 28.*

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of the leading active stocks during the day.

Highest, lowest.

New York Central and Hudson River, 100.

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